[English]

Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited

3017. SHRI B. DHARMA BIKSHAM : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the trade unions of IDPL have proposed any formula to improve its performance and overcome the losses of the IDPL;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The unions of IDPL have suggested, inter alia, that working capital availability to IDPL should be ensured; the two wholly owned subsidiaries at Madras and Muzaffarpur should be brought back to IDPL; IDBI as also IDPL management should be instructed to associate/involve representatives of workmen unions in preparation of rehabilitation scheme; upgradation of scales of pay/revision of scales of pay/new D.A. formula and restoration of deferred facilities should be implemented; the top management should be replaced. These suggestions have been noted by the Government.

Techno-Economic Survey

3018. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Eastern Railway have forwarded to the Railway Board to take up techno-economic survey for Howrah Circular Railway;

(b) whether the Railway Board have agreed in principal to conduct such survey;

(c) whether all the facilities are existing to run passenger service in Howrah Circular Railway;

(d) if so, the reasons for not alloting any amount during this year for techno-economic survey;

(e) whether the Union Government are considering to take up this survey during this year; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (f). Yes, Sir. The matter is under examination.

[Translation]

Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited

3019. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the IFFCO fertiliser plant at Aonla in U.P. has started production as per its enhanced capacity, if so, since when;

(b) whether all those persons have been provided employment whose land had been acquired at the time of setting up of the plant; and

(c) if not, the number of families which have not yet been provided employment and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) No, Sir. The plant is expected to start production as per its enhanced capacity by January, 1997.

(b) and (c). Out of 851 families whose land was acquired for setting up of the Aonla Plant, 155 families have no eligible member for employment due to old age and other factors. Persons from 196 displaced families have already been employed. The remaining land losers are being given preference for employment against substitute and casual vacancies in IFFCO, subject to qualifications and suitability and as per the procedure of IFFCO. Some families of land losers have been given contracts and shops in IFFCO township.

[English]

Frequency of Local Trains

3020. SHRI TARIT BARAN TOPDAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are considering to increase the frequency of Sealdah-Barddhaman locals via Dankuni and via Naihati-Bandel; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Suburban Railway Services

3021. SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI NAVIN CHANDRA MEHTA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the work are proposed to be undertaken for the improvement of suburban railway services in Mumbai;

(b) the modalities of funding rail related projects finalised so far, under the MUTP-II the share of the Centre, Railways and State Government separately;

(c) whether any assistance has been sought from the World Bank; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) The following projects have already been undertaken for improvement